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In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 17, first full paragraph, please re-write this paragraph as follows:

21 In a most preferred embodiment of the invention, the densified end channels 31 have at least one perpendicular component that is generally orthogonal to the lateral component and generally parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the absorbent product. Preferably the perpendicular component is closer to the longitudinal edge than it is to the central longitudinal axis. The perpendicular component need not be strictly orthogonal to the lateral component. It may also be at an acute or obtuse angle to the lateral component, and may extend towards the transverse edge and/or towards the longitudinal center line.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

sub 1. (Amended) A sanitary napkin for use by a woman for feminine hygiene and adapted to be worn in an undergarment, comprising a main body portion having a liquid permeable body faceable cover layer, a liquid impermeable garment faceable barrier layer, an absorbent element therebetween, the main body portion further having first and second longitudinal edges opposite each other defining a width dimension, a central longitudinal axis parallel to the longitudinal edges, first and second transverse edges opposite each other defining a length dimension;

A2 a central region having first and second distal ends opposite each other defining a length that is sufficient to cover the woman's labia majora in use;

a first end region, extending from the first distal end of the central region to the first transverse edge and being adapted to cover at least a portion of the woman's mons pubis in use;